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### Monthly General Fund Receipts through February 28, 2014

The attached spreadsheet presents FY 2014 General Fund total net receipts with comparable figures for actual FY 2013. The figures can be compared to the FY 2014 estimate of \$6.472 billion set by the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) on December 12, 2013. The FY 2014 estimate is a decrease of \$180.0 million (-2.7%) compared to actual FY 2013 total net receipts (excludes transfers). The next REC meeting is scheduled for March 20.

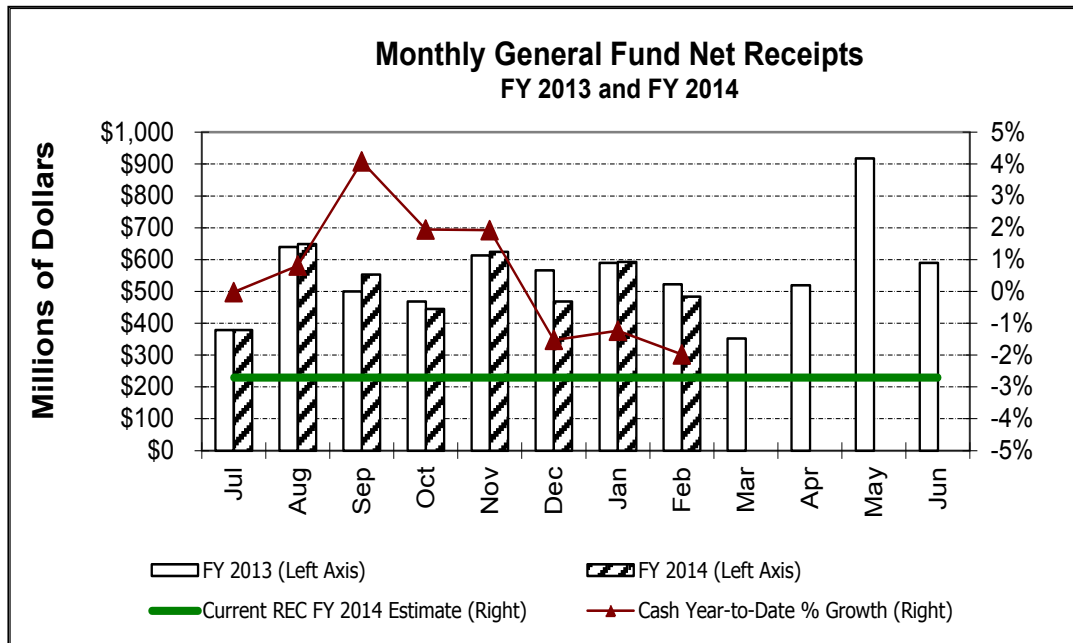
FY 2014 Monthly Estimate Comparison - Dollars in Millions						
Most Recent REC Projected Growth for the Year, Excluding Transfers = -2.7%						
Year-to- Date Ending:	Year-to- Date FY 2013	Year-to- Date FY 2014	Dollar Change	% Change	Year-to-Date Change at REC Estimate for the Entire Year	Year-to-Date Above (Below) Estimated Change
July	\$378.2	\$378.2	\$0.0	0.0%	-\$10.2	\$10.2
Aug	1,017.8	1,026.1	8.3	0.8%	-27.5	35.8
Sept	1,517.2	1,579.2	62.0	4.1%	-41.1	103.1
Oct	1,985.1	2,024.0	38.9	2.0%	-53.7	92.6
Nov	2,597.7	2,647.9	50.2	1.9%	-70.3	120.5
Dec	3,164.2	3,115.9	-48.3	-1.5%	-85.6	37.3
Jan	3,754.4	3,708.0	-46.4	-1.2%	-101.6	55.2
Feb	4,276.3	4,191.8	-84.5	-2.0%	-115.7	31.2
Mar	4,628.3					
Apr	5,147.6					
May	6,065.5					
June	6,654.9					
Year end	6,651.8					

### Overview of Current Situation

February 2014 net General Fund revenue was \$38.3 million (-7.3%) below the February 2013 revenue level. Year-to-date net tax receipts are \$84.5 million (-2.0%) less than FY 2013. Major sources of tax revenue and their contribution to the FY 2014 change include:

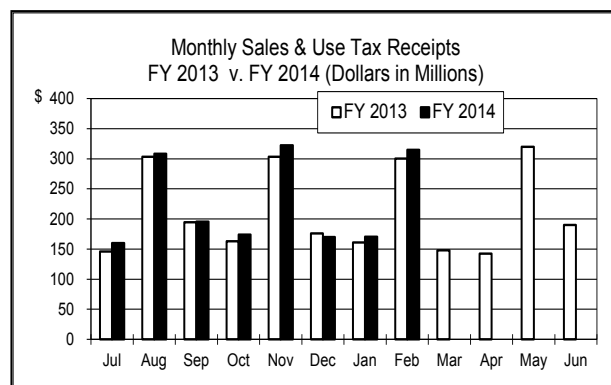
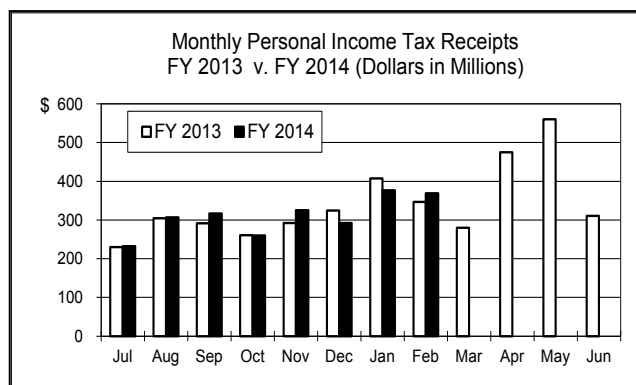
- Personal income tax (positive \$20.8 million, 0.8%)
- Sales/use tax (positive \$67.8 million, 3.9%)

- Corporate tax (positive \$21.7 million, 7.0%)
- Other taxes (negative \$29.7 million, -16.4%)
- Other receipts (negative \$40.9 million, -17.9%)
- Tax refunds not including school infrastructure refunds (negative \$93.4 million)
- School infrastructure sales/use tax refunds (negative \$30.7 million)



**Personal Income Tax** revenue received in February totaled \$369.1 million, an increase of \$22.3 million (6.4%) compared to February 2013.

The FY 2014 REC income tax estimate of \$4.006 billion represents a projected decrease of 1.9% compared to actual FY 2013. Through February, personal income tax receipts have increased \$20.8 million (0.8%). By subcategory, withholding payments increased \$49.8 million (2.5%), estimate payments decreased \$34.8 million (-9.4%), and payments with returns increased \$5.9 million (8.7%). The following chart compares FY 2014 monthly income tax receipts from the three personal income tax subcategories with FY 2013.



**Sales/Use Tax** receipts received in February totaled \$314.8 million, an increase of \$14.4 million (4.8%) compared to February 2013.

The REC estimate for FY 2014 sales/use tax receipts is \$2.655 billion, an increase of 4.2% compared to actual FY 2013. Year-to-date sales/use tax receipts total \$1,815.1 million, an increase of \$67.8 million (3.9%) compared to FY 2013. The preceding chart compares FY 2014 monthly sales/use tax receipts with FY 2013.

**Corporate Tax** receipts received in February totaled \$15.9 million, a decrease of \$6.5 million (-29.0%) compared to February 2013.

The REC estimate for FY 2014 corporate tax revenue is \$551.1 million, a decrease of 0.8% compared to actual FY 2013. Through February, corporate tax receipts have increased \$21.7 million (7.0%).

**Other tax receipts** received in February totaled \$10.4 million, a decrease of \$10.8 million (-50.9%) compared to February 2013. Other tax receipts will be negatively impacted by the law change that requires all cigarette and tobacco tax to be deposited in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF) for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The REC estimate for FY 2014 other tax revenue is \$277.5 million, a decrease of 25.3% compared to actual FY 2013. Through February, other tax receipts have decreased 16.4%.

**Other receipts** (nontax receipts) received in February totaled \$24.3 million, a decrease of \$1.2 million (-4.7%) compared to February 2013.

The REC estimate for FY 2014 other receipts revenue is \$270.2 million, a decrease of 18.1% compared to actual FY 2013. Year-to-date other receipts have decreased 17.9%.

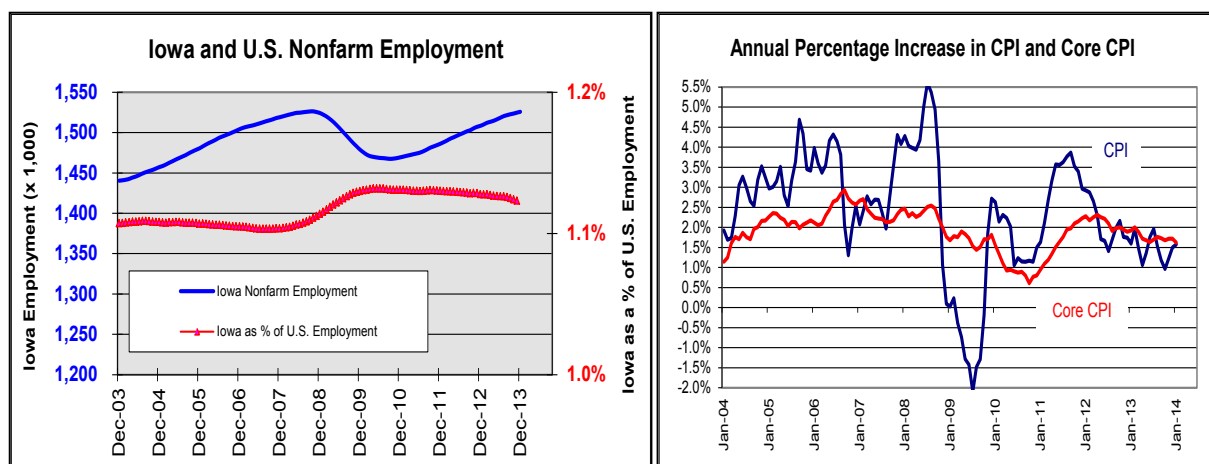
**Tax Refunds** issued in February totaled \$216.1 million, an increase of \$53.1 million (32.6%) compared to February 2013. In addition, school infrastructure refunds totaled \$34.3 million, an increase of \$3.0 million compared to February 2013.

## **Status of the Economy**

Iowa nonfarm employment was reported at 1,535,000 for the month of December 2013 (not seasonally adjusted), 12,300 higher (0.8%) than December 2012. (Note: Employment data has not been updated from the previous month due to the annual employment benchmarking by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.)

Iowa's 12-month average employment is presented as the blue line on the following graph. Iowa's average nonfarm employment peaked in October 2008 at 1,526,400, and was 47,700 above the peak prior to the previous recession (January 2001). The current 12-month average reading is now 1,525,900, resulting in an annual average Iowa nonfarm employment level 500 jobs below the October 2008 peak.

The employment chart also presents Iowa nonfarm employment as a percent of U.S. nonfarm employment. Iowa's share of U.S. nonfarm employment decreased noticeably from 1999 through 2002, decreased at a much slower pace from 2002 through 2007, and increased from January 2008 through June 2010. Since that time, Iowa's percent of U.S. employment has declined as the percentage growth in U.S. employment has exceeded the percentage growth in Iowa employment.



The Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) through January 2014 was 233.9 (1983/84=100). Consumer prices increased 0.37% in January (not seasonally adjusted) and the annual rate of inflation increased to 1.6% from the previous month's level of 1.5%.

Core CPI, an inflation measure excluding food and energy expenditures, increased 0.2% in January and totaled 1.6% year-over-year. The annual rate of core inflation has been at or below 2.0% since July 2012. For the two components excluded from the core rate, energy prices are up 2.1% year-over-year while food prices were up 1.1%.

Information related to State General Fund receipts is available on the Fiscal Services Division website at: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/receipts/daily.html>.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS - FY 2013 vs. FY 2014 July 1 through February 28 (in millions of dollars) Dollars may not add due to rounding. Percentages calculated on rounded numbers.					ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS (in millions of dollars) FY 13 Actual Compared to FY 14 REC Estimate		
	FY 2013	FY 2014	Year to Date % Change	February % Change	Actual FY 2013	Estimate FY 2014	Projected % Change
Personal Income Tax	\$ 2,457.9	\$ 2,478.7	0.8%	6.4%	\$ 4,083.9	\$ 4,005.6	-1.9%
Sales/Use Tax	1,747.3	1,815.1	3.9%	4.8%	2,547.6	2,655.0	4.2%
Corporate Income Tax	308.8	330.5	7.0%	-29.0%	555.3	551.1	-0.8%
Inheritance Tax	59.3	60.8	2.5%	-24.6%	86.8	101.6	17.1%
Insurance Premium Tax	49.0	52.7	7.6%	171.4%	104.9	108.6	3.5%
Cigarette Tax	30.8	0.0	-100.0%	-100.0%	102.7	0.0	-100.0%
Tobacco Tax	7.3	1.4	-80.8%	-100.0%	18.7	1.4	-92.5%
Beer Tax	10.0	9.7	-3.0%	11.1%	14.5	14.9	2.8%
Franchise Tax	24.0	26.0	8.3%	-40.0%	42.9	49.9	16.3%
Miscellaneous Tax	0.4	0.5	0.0%	0.0%	1.1	1.1	0.0%
Total Gross Taxes	\$ 4,694.9	\$ 4,775.3	1.7%	2.7%	\$ 7,558.4	\$ 7,489.2	-0.9%
Institutional Payments	9.2	8.7	-5.4%	-37.5%	14.3	13.0	-9.1%
Liquor Profits	65.9	65.6	-0.5%	-3.9%	96.1	95.0	-1.1%
Interest	1.6	2.3	43.8%	50.0%	2.6	2.6	0.0%
Fees	20.4	20.9	2.5%	8.3%	29.1	26.6	-8.6%
Judicial Revenue	63.6	59.7	-6.1%	-4.8%	108.0	102.6	-5.0%
Miscellaneous Receipts	27.8	30.4	9.4%	-10.5%	39.9	30.4	-23.8%
Racing and Gaming Receipts	40.0	0.0	-100.0%	0.0%	40.0	0.0	-100.0%
TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 4,923.4	\$ 4,962.9	0.8%	2.5%	\$ 7,888.4	\$ 7,759.4	-1.6%
Accrued Revenue-Net					13.1	37.9	
Tax Refunds *	-358.3	-451.7	26.1%	32.6%	-830.5	-900.0	8.4%
School Infrast. Refunds *	-288.7	-319.4	10.6%	9.6%	-419.2	-425.5	1.5%
TOTAL NET RECEIPTS	\$ 4,276.3	\$ 4,191.8	-2.0%	-7.3%	\$ 6,651.8	\$ 6,471.8	-2.7%
* For FY 2013 and FY 2014 Year-to-Date columns, refunds are presented on a cash basis. For FY 2013 Actual and FY 2014 Estimate, refunds are presented on a fiscal year basis.							